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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The ninth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 20 November 1992. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 9 November 1992, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the ninth session. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

Initial reports

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee at its eighth session decided to request the Secretary-General to continue sending reminders automatically to those States parties whose initial reports were more than 12 months overdue, and subsequent reminders every six months. The Committee further decided that, in the case of reports which were more than three years overdue, its Chairman should discuss the question of reporting obligations with the representatives of the States parties concerned or address a letter on the subject to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as appropriate.

Initial reports were due in 1988 from the 27 States parties listed in document CAT/C/5. In accordance with the decision mentioned above the Chairman of the Committee, on 24 July 1992, addressed a letter to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of those States parties which had not yet submitted their initial reports due in 1988.

Under rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the two States parties whose initial reports were due in 1988 but had not been received as at 25 September 1992, are listed below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Togo	17 December 1988
Uganda	25 June 1988

In this connection, the Committee may recall that, at its seventh session, it had decided to invite Togo and Uganda to submit, in one document, both the initial reports, and supplementary reports that are due by 17 December 1992 and 25 June 1992, respectively.

Furthermore, initial reports were due in 1989 from the 10 States parties listed in document CAT/C/7. Pursuant to the decision of the Committee at its eighth session, its Chairman, on 6 May 1992, discussed the question of reporting obligations with the representative of a State party which had not yet submitted its initial report due in 1989 and, on 24 July, he addressed a letter on the same question to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of another State party concerned. The names of the two States whose initial reports were due in 1989 but had not been received as at 25 September 1992 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Guyana	17 June 1989
Peru	5 August 1989

The 11 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1990 are listed in document CAT/C/9. Pursuant to the decision of the Committee at its eighth session, the Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent in June 1992, requested for the second or the third time, as appropriate, the States parties which had not yet submitted their initial reports in 1990 to do so as soon as possible. The names of the four States whose initial reports were due in 1990 but had not been received as at 25 September 1992, are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Brazil	27 October 1990
Guinea	8 November 1990
Poland	24 August 1990
Portugal	10 March 1990

The list of seven States parties whose initial reports were due in 1991 appears in document CAT/C/12. Pursuant to the decision of the Committee at its eighth session, the Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent in June and September 1992, requested for the first or the second time, as appropriate, those States parties whose initial reports were overdue by more than 12 months to submit their report as soon as possible. The names of the four States whose initial reports were due in 1991 but had not been received as at 25 September 1992 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Guatemala	3 February 1991
Malta	12 October 1991
Paraguay	10 April 1991
Somalia	22 February 1991

The list of nine States parties whose initial reports are due in 1992 appears in document CAT/C/16. The names of the three States parties whose initial reports were due before 25 September 1992 but had not been received by that date are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Cyprus	16 August 1992
Nepal	12 June 1992
Venezuela	27 August 1992

Periodic reports

First supplementary reports are due in 1992 from the 26 States parties listed in document CAT/C/17. The names of the 16 States parties whose initial reports were due before 25 September 1992 but had not been received by that date are given below:

State party	Date on which the first supplementary report was due
Afghanistan	25 June 1992
Austria	27 August 1992
Belize	25 June 1992
Bulgaria	25 June 1992
Cameroon	25 June 1992
Denmark	25 June 1992
Egypt	25 June 1992
France	25 June 1992
Hungary	25 June 1992
Philippines	25 June 1992
Russian Federation	25 June 1992
Senegal	25 June 1992
Sweden	25 June 1992
Switzerland	25 June 1992
Uganda	25 June 1992
Uruguay	25 June 1992

Additional reports

At its third, fourth, fifth and seventh sessions, the Committee decided to request eight States parties whose initial reports had been considered during those sessions to furnish an additional report pursuant to rule 67, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure. The additional report of China which had been requested by 31 December 1990 had not been received as at 25 September 1992. By a note verbale dated 18 September 1992, the Secretary-General requested China for the third time to submit its additional report as soon as possible.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the ninth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tuesday, 10 November 1992	
Afghanistan: initial report	CAT/C/5/Add.31
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - dependent territories: initial report	CAT/C/9/Add.10
Wednesday, 11 November 1992	
Norway: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.1
Argentina: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.2
Thursday, 12 November 1992	
Mexico: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.3
Ukraine: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.4
Friday, 13 November 1992	
New Zealand: initial report	CAT/C/12/Add.2
Monday, 16 November 1992	
Germany: initial report	CAT/C/12/Add.1
Tuesday, 17 November 1992	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: additional report	CAT/C/9/Add.12
Wednesday, 18 November 1992	
Canada: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.5
Belarus: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.6

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States Parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its ninth session and has invited them to designate representatives to attend those meetings of the Committee.

General guidelines regarding the form and contents of initial reports to be submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention, which were adopted by the Committee at its third session and revised at its sixth session, are reproduced in document CAT/C/4/Rev.2. The texts of reservations, declarations, etc., made by States parties with respect to the Convention are contained in document CAT/C/2/Rev.2.

5. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

6. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider a report by its representative to the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference (14-18 September 1992) on the results of that session and, in that light, any contribution that the Committee may wish to make to the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee to be held in Geneva in March 1993.